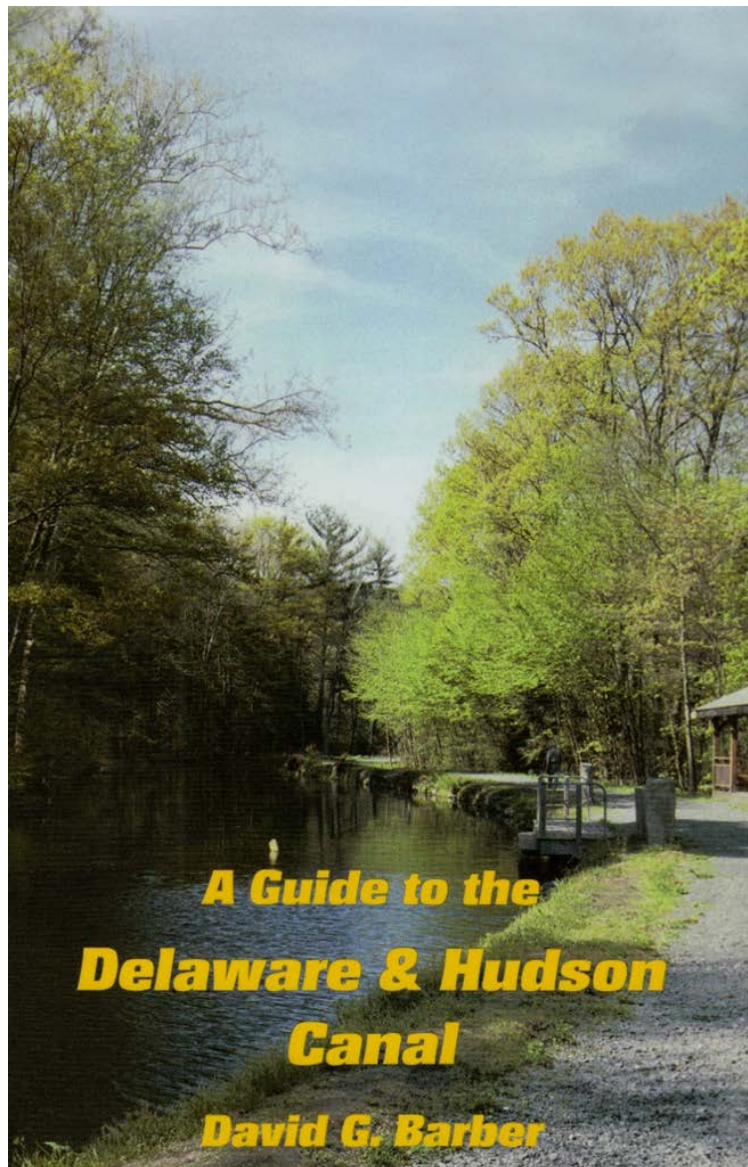


The Two Griswold Locks on the Delaware and Hudson Canal

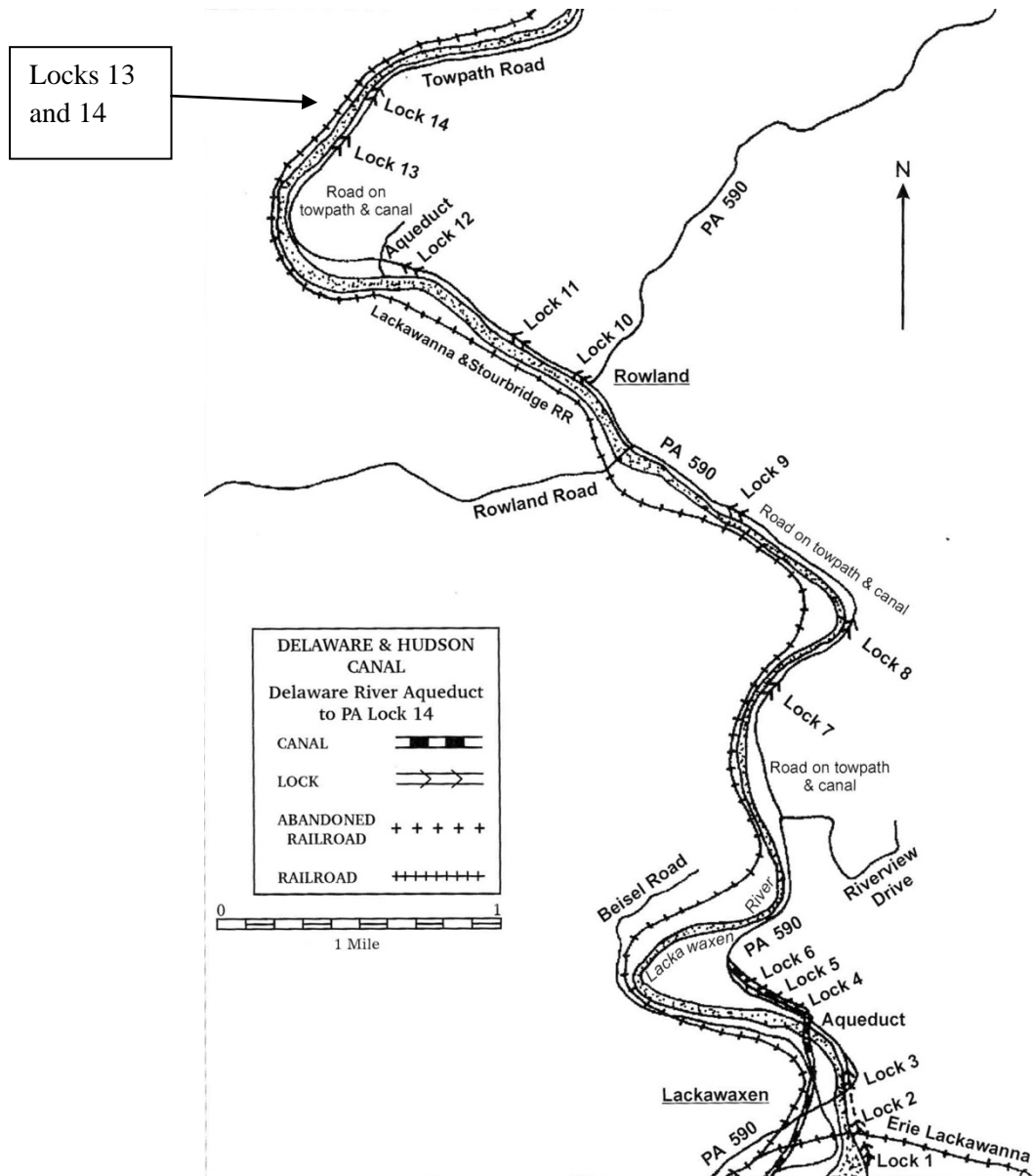
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Locks 13 and 14 on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, between the Delaware Aqueduct and Honesdale, PA, were both identified by David G. Barber in his *A Guide to the Delaware & Hudson Canal* (2003, published by Canal History and Technology Press, National Canal Museum, Easton, PA) as “Griswold’s”.

Shown below is the front cover of Barber’s excellent book:



Here is the map, showing the exact location of Locks 13 and 14, that is given in *Barber* on p. 144.



Map 17
Delaware River Aqueduct to Pennsylvania Lock 14

Here is the material on Locks 13 and 14 that is given in *Barber* on pages 151-152:

LOCK 13

- 88.70 **GRISWOLD'S** (UTM: 952 897 Rowland Quadrangle) Possible flume discharge spillway on berm. Also a house of lock-house style is on berm side of canal, still in use. Lift was 10 feet.
- 88.71 Start of filled-in area at lock site.
- 88.75 End of filled-in lock site. Partial prism resumes.
- 88.78 Wide canal on right of road. Two more houses to right across canal prism. Berm wall is masonry.

LOCK 14

- 88.91 **GRISWOLD'S** (UTM: 948 898 Rowland Quadrangle) Lower end of Lock 14 at a driveway crossing the canal. Lock is filled in, but site is apparent as a grassy mowed area next to the highway. Lower lock wings are very visible, but weed-filled. Large house behind lock is confirmed to be the lock house by the present owner. House was also a canal-era boarding house. Lift was 10 feet.
- 88.95 Canal prism resumes above lock site.
- 88.97 Berm wall has a noticeable jog away from the highway at the upper end of the lock bypass flume. Canal is wider and clearer above this point.
- 89.01 Canal is clear on right side of highway, but becoming somewhat filled in. Berm wall is apparent. Area between river wall of towpath and berm is rather wide up to a right-hand bend above.
(Probably the canal was made wider here to allow for congestion above locks 13 & 14.)
- 89.20 Original snubbing post on right at a driveway to right in straight section. The highway and canal are parallel, but separate. Canal is half silted-in and wet.
- 89.51 Canal disappears under highway, but the floor was wet just before this.
- 89.61 Canal reemerges on right of highway. River, road, and canal curve left.
- 89.65 Well-preserved canal on right with water on floor.
- 89.86 Berm wall of canal has a nice masonry wall. Canal well defined on right side of highway with water on floor. Masonry retaining walls uphill to right beyond berm.
- 89.92 Lower end of island in river on left. Good canal to right. Old roadway partway up hill on right.
- 89.95 Lower end of lock bypass flume spills in on berm.

The Griswold family was a very prominent family in Wayne County, PA in the nineteenth century, especially in Clinton Township and in the Pleasant Mount area. It is highly probable that the Griswolds who operated Locks 13 and 14 on the Delaware and Hudson Canal were members of Griswold families from Clinton Township or Pleasant Mount. At the present time (2019), however, we have not yet been able to determine the link (if one exists) between the Griswolds who operated Locks 13 and 14 and the Griswolds of Clinton Township and Pleasant Mount. That link (if it exists) will one day, hopefully, be determined.

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